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South and East African Ports

1. Beira: Delays of three to six days increasing to nine days in May and June.
2. Capetown: No congestion.
3. Dar Es Salaam: Belbase Wharf slightly congested in March, clearing up in May, congested again in June. British wharf became congested in June. Export sheds slightly congested at beginning and end of period. Present congestion due to bunching up of vessels.
4. Lourenco Marques: No congestion.
5. Durban: Slight congestion in March due to large number of arrivals. No congestion subsequently.
6. East London: No congestion.
7. Lindi: No congestion.
8. Tanga: Congested in March with several days delay. Export sheds congested in March. No congestion subsequently.
9. Mombasa: Large number of arrivals at beginning of period caused congestion. Dischargers delayed a minimum of nine days in March and June and a maximum of 15 days in April. Loaders were delayed a minimum of three days in March and a maximum of 10 days in April and May.
10. Port Elizabeth: Slight delay in March. Subsequently no delay and export sheds free of congestion. Average daily discharge per vessel since March has been five hundred tons.
11. Walvis Bay: Congested throughout period. Several days delay for dischargers and one day for loaders.

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12. Zanzibar: No congestion

West African Ports

13. Abidjan: No congestion
14. Accra: Congested in March with 3/4 days delay. No congestion subsequently.
15. Apapa: Delay for dischargers 3/4 days in March increasing to five days for remainder of period. Three days delay for loaders in March increasing to five days for remainder of period. Lighter situation good. Daily discharge rate four hundred tons in March, down to three hundred tons subsequently. Daily loading rate five hundred tons in March, down to 450 tons subsequently.
16. Douala: No congestion
17. Dakar: No congestion
18. Lagos: 3/4 days delay in March with daily discharge rate of 350 tons. Became badly congested in April with maximum of 19 days delay and average discharge of 250 tons per day. Continued bad through May and June with six days delay and discharge rate of three hundred tons per day. Lighter situation good. Sheds congested.
19. Lobito: No congestion
20. Lome: Congested
21. Luanda: No congestion
22. Matadi: Congested in March and April with no serious delays subsequently. Average loading and discharging rate in June 750 tons per day.
23. Monrovia: No congestion
24. Port Harcourt: Congested with delay of several days before berthing.
25. Takoradi: Congested with delay of several days awaiting berth. Additional delay in May and June due to rainy season.

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